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**Board of Officers**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday October 18, 2022**  
**Start Time: 06:00 PM**

**Location: Webinar**

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When: Oct 18, 2022 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board

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1. Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press \*9) if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
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4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
5. Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.
6. Please do not raise your hand more than once per item.
7. Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
9. The meeting is being video and audio recorded.
10. The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

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## **2 Dedication of Meeting - Billy Al Bengston, Venice Artist**

Billy Al Bengston, passed away on October 8, 2022, at 88 years old.

Long time supporter of the arts in Venice, one of the founding fathers of the "Venice Dogtown" in the 1960's and was well known as one of the earliest artists to be recognized world wide as a successful Venice California Artist. Besides giving many of the well known artists help becoming established in the early days of the art movement in Venice, more recently he and his wife Wendy created the arts and media lab at Westminster Elementary School. He donated his renowned artworks every year to the Venice Family Clinic -Venice Artwalk from its inception over 35 years ago. His influence and participation in our community will be greatly missed.

<http://www.billyalbengston.com>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy\\_Al\\_Bengston](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Al_Bengston)

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2022-10-10/billy-al-bengston-custom-car-culture-death>

### 3 Call To Order

06:05

### 4 Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Murez      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daffodil Tyminski | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Diner   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Handal       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicki Halliday    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruno Hernandez |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sima Kostovetsky | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nico Ruderman     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Robb      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Sugars     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alley Bean        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chie Lunn       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Bravo       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soledad Ursua     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CJ Cole         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Clay   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Thibodeau  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clark Brown     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Jensen   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zachary Best                 |   |

Attendance: 19

Quorum: 10

### 5 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

07:12

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

### 6 Scheduled Announcements and Presentations

06:16

### 7 Public Safety - LAPD & LAFD Report

06:15

Questions to the presenter(s) will be limited to the time allotted to this item. Furthermore, all questions from the public must be submitted in writing to [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org) no less than 72 hours prior to Page 5 of 11 the meeting. The Chair at His / Her discretion shall present questions or a summary thereof to the presenter. Questions from Members of the Body will be limited by time allotment for this agenda item following public questions.

### 8 Government Reports

06:34

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, [Louie.Leiva@lacity.org](mailto:Louie.Leiva@lacity.org)
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative, [Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov)

- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov
- State Assemblyperson, Tina McKinnor,
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Deputy Zac Gaidzik zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Deputy,
- Empower LA, Advocate, Freddy.Cupen-Ames@lacity.org 213-978-1551
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)-Jim Murez,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), Ivan Spiegel
- Budget Advocates – vacant
- LA City Recreation & Parks, Sonya Young-Jimenez

## 9 Committee Chair Reports

06:55

### Standing Committees:

- Budget & Finance
- Land Use & Planning
- Neighborhood
- Ocean Front Walk
- Outreach & Event Planning
- Rules & Selections
- Arts

### Ad Hoc Committees:

- Community Resiliency Committee
- Homelessness Committee
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Venice Arbor Committee
- Discussion Forum Committee
- Preserving Public Places

President Report:

Board of Officers Vacancy: Applications are available on the VNC website at [www.VeniceNC.org/Rules](http://www.VeniceNC.org/Rules). Individuals applying for this opening must submit their application on or before 11/9/2022.

## 10 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

08:35

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

**NOTE:** The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

## 11 Approval of prior Board Minutes

**Description:**

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 9/20/2022

**Attachments:** minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting632ab6bb3be79.pdf>

**MOTION:** Board of Officers approves the Minutes dated 9/20/2022 as presented.

**Maker:** Jay Handal

**Second:** CJ Cole

Y James Murez

A Daffodil Tyminski

Y Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Vicki Halliday

Bruno Hernandez

Y Sima Kostovetsky

Y Nico Ruderman

Y James Robb

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Y Chie Lunn

Y Mike Bravo

Y Soledad Ursua

Y CJ Cole

A Elizabeth Clay

Y Robert Thibodeau

Y Clark Brown

Y Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

**Voter Tally ( 17 ):** Yea:15 / Nay:0 / Abstain:2 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

## 12 New Business (Part #1)

## 13 VNC Participation in 11th Annual Venice Holiday Sign Lighting

**Description:**

**Committee:** AdCom **On:** 2022-10-13 **Vote:**

**MOTION:**

The Board of Directors approves of the VNC Participation in the 11th Annual Venice Holiday Sign Lighting on December 3rd, 2022.

**Maker:** Jay Handal

**Second:** Robert Thibodeau

Y James Murez

Y Daffodil Tyminski

Y Melissa Diner

Y Jay Handal

Y Vicki Halliday

Y Bruno Hernandez

Y Sima Kostovetsky

Y Nico Ruderman

Y James Robb

Y Jason Sugars

Alley Bean

Y Chie Lunn

Y Mike Bravo

Y Soledad Ursua

Y CJ Cole

Y Elizabeth Clay

Y Robert Thibodeau

Y Clark Brown

Y Michael Jensen

Zachary Best

**Voter Tally ( 18 ):** Yea:18 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

#### 14 Treasurer Report - August

07:34

Budget Amount

\$32,000.00

Budget: \$32,000.00

Adjustments: \$0.00

Expense-to-Date

\$2,032.14

Funding Requests: \$0.00

Credit Card: \$2,032.14

Total Outstanding

\$0.00

Commitments: \$0.00

Pending Payments: \$0.00

Net Available

\$29,967.86

Cash Balance: \$29,967.86

#### 15 11th Annual Venice Holiday Sign Lighting - 12/3/22

**Description:**

**Committee:** Budget and Finance Committee **On:** 2022-10-17 **Vote:** 5/1/0

Itemized Budget for 11th Annual Venice Holiday Sign Lighting - 12/3/22

1. VNC branded promotional items, quantity 150 - \$600 - AnyPromo.com quantity 150 - \$600 Qualitylogoproducts.com (i.e. bike lights or water bottles)
2. Advertising for Outreach to include local news outlets - Argonaut, Venice Living, Yo Venice & Westside Current: \$600
3. Promo items for holiday outreach and individually wrapped treats - \$850 - Amazon.com.
4. \$999 for photography services such as provided by Venice Paparazzi.
5. Santa North Pole Sign - \$100- Platinum Prop Rentals
6. Santa Chair rental - \$150 - Platinum Prop Rentals

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board of Officers to approves the above described itemized budget (not to exceed \$3899.00) for the annual 2022 holiday sign lighting event.

**Maker:** Jay Handal  
**Second:** Melissa Diner

Y James Murez	Y Daffodil Tyminski	Y Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	R Vicki Halliday	Y Bruno Hernandez
Y Sima Kostovetsky	Y Nico Ruderman	Y James Robb
Y Jason Sugars	Alley Bean	Y Chie Lunn
Y Mike Bravo	Y Soledad Ursua	Y CJ Cole
Y Elizabeth Clay	Y Robert Thibodeau	Y Clark Brown
Y Michael Jensen	Zachary Best	

**Voter Tally ( 18 ):** Yea:17 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:1 / Ineligible:0

## 16 ZOOM License #2

**Description:**

**Committee:** Budget and Finance Committee **On:** 2022-10-17 **Vote:**

The DONE has made ZOOM licenses available to NC's that want to purchase addition licenses in addition to the license they are providing to the VNC at no cost. The additional license will allow multiple webinars to occur at the same time and each license will have the ability to start any scheduled meeting within the VNC account.

**MOTION:**

The Board of Officers approves the purchase from DONE of one additional license at a cost of \$200/year.

**Maker:** Jay Handal  
**Second:** James Robb

Y James Murez	Y Daffodil Tyminski	Y Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	Y Vicki Halliday	Y Bruno Hernandez
Y Sima Kostovetsky	Y Nico Ruderman	Y James Robb
Y Jason Sugars	Alley Bean	Y Chie Lunn
Y Mike Bravo	Y Soledad Ursua	Y CJ Cole
Y Elizabeth Clay	Y Robert Thibodeau	Y Clark Brown
Y Michael Jensen	Zachary Best	

**Voter Tally ( 18 ):** Yea:18 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

## 17 General Consent Calendar - Items

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## 18 Old Business

## 19 Land Use and Planning Committee Consent Calendar - Items

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## 20 24 E 18th Ave

**Description:**

**Committee:** Land Use & Planning Committee **On:** 2022-09-01 **Vote:** Yea 7-0-0-0-0

CONSTRUCTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ON TOP OF AN EXISTING ATTACHED GARAGE IN THE REAR YARD  
Address: 24 E 18th Ave Staff: Jeff Martin Case No. DIR-2021-8582-CDP-SPP-MEL; ADM-2021-8586-VSO-ADU

**Attachments:** untitled:<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request63362f31df3f2.pdf>

**MOTION:**

The Board of Officers recommends approval of the project as presented.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

## 21 LUPC Old Business

## 22 LUPC New Business

## 23 New Business (Part #2)

## 24 CIS(s) RE: Call for City Council Resignations

**Description:**

**Stakeholder:** Mike Bravo **On:** 2022-10-13 **Vote:** n/a

Whereas the reprehensible events revealed to us on October 10, 2022 regarding the misconduct and racist hateful statements by elected Los Angeles City councilpersons Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon, and Gil Cedillo are to be condemned,

And whereas immediate accountability for the harms committed are demanded, and whereas the implications arising from said reprehensible events by those elected officials require mitigation.

Community Impact Statements to be filled on the following Council Files (see Attachments below).

**Attachments:** 22- <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1189>  
1189:



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 1197: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1197>

**MOTION:**

The Venice Neighborhood Council, Board of Officers condemns the reprehensible events revealed to public on October 10, 2022 which included misconduct and racist hateful statements by elected Los Angeles City councilpersons Nury Martinez, Kevin de Leon, and Gil Cedillo. We request these individuals be held accountable for the harm they have caused which must include their immediate resignation from public office.

CIS to be filed on Council Files: 22-1189, 22-1192, 22-1193, 22-1195, 22-1197, 22-1196

**Maker:** Jason Sugars  
**Second:** James Robb

Y James Murez	Y Daffodil Tyminski	Y Melissa Diner
Y Jay Handal	Y Vicki Halliday	Y Bruno Hernandez
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Y Michael Jensen	Zachary Best	

**Voter Tally ( 18 ):** Yea:14 / Nay:0 / Abstain:4 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

**25 Board of Officer Comments, Items not on the Agenda**

08:47

**26 Adjournment**

**Concluded At: 08:57 PM**

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